



internet payment platform

## IPP Agency Forum December 5, 2007



*Financial Management Service*

# Agenda

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## Order-to-Pay is Paper, People, and Time-Intensive

- Expensive to process paper
- It can take agencies weeks or months to process a vendor payment
- Agencies (and FMS) field many phone and e-mail inquiries from payees asking for more payment-related information

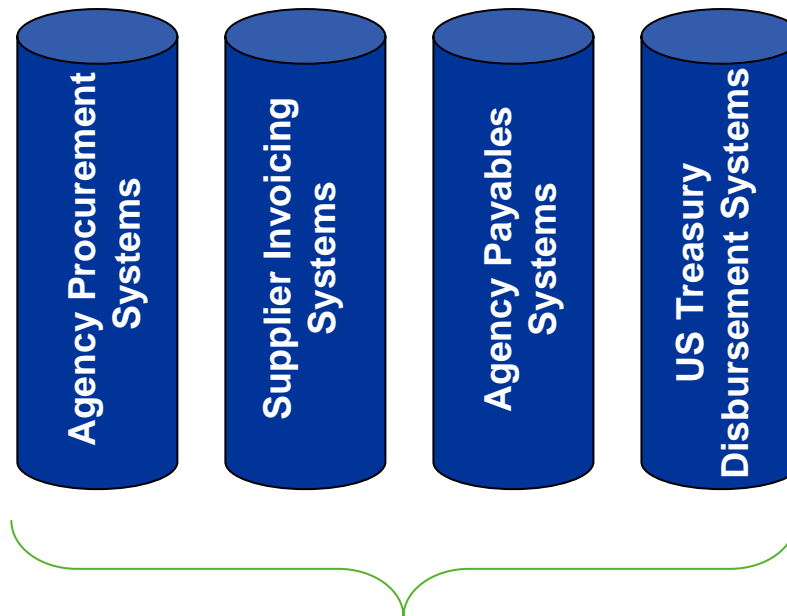
# Business Problem (Cont'd)

- Pressure on agencies to modernize financial management systems and processes
  - » President's Management Agenda 
- Process standardization efforts gaining traction
  - » Financial Management LOB



# Business Problem (Cont'd)

## The Order-to-Pay Cycle is “Stove-piped”



Multiple financial systems  
do not share related data

# The Internet Payment Platform

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- Is a Web-based payment information service provided by the Financial Management Service
- Is a free service for both government agencies and their suppliers
- Centralizes purchase order, invoice, and payment information for agencies and suppliers
- Aggregates suppliers across multiple Government agencies –deploy a vendor once to transact with all participating agencies
- Allows federal agencies and their suppliers to eliminate paper for order-to-pay transactions

# What the IPP Is Not

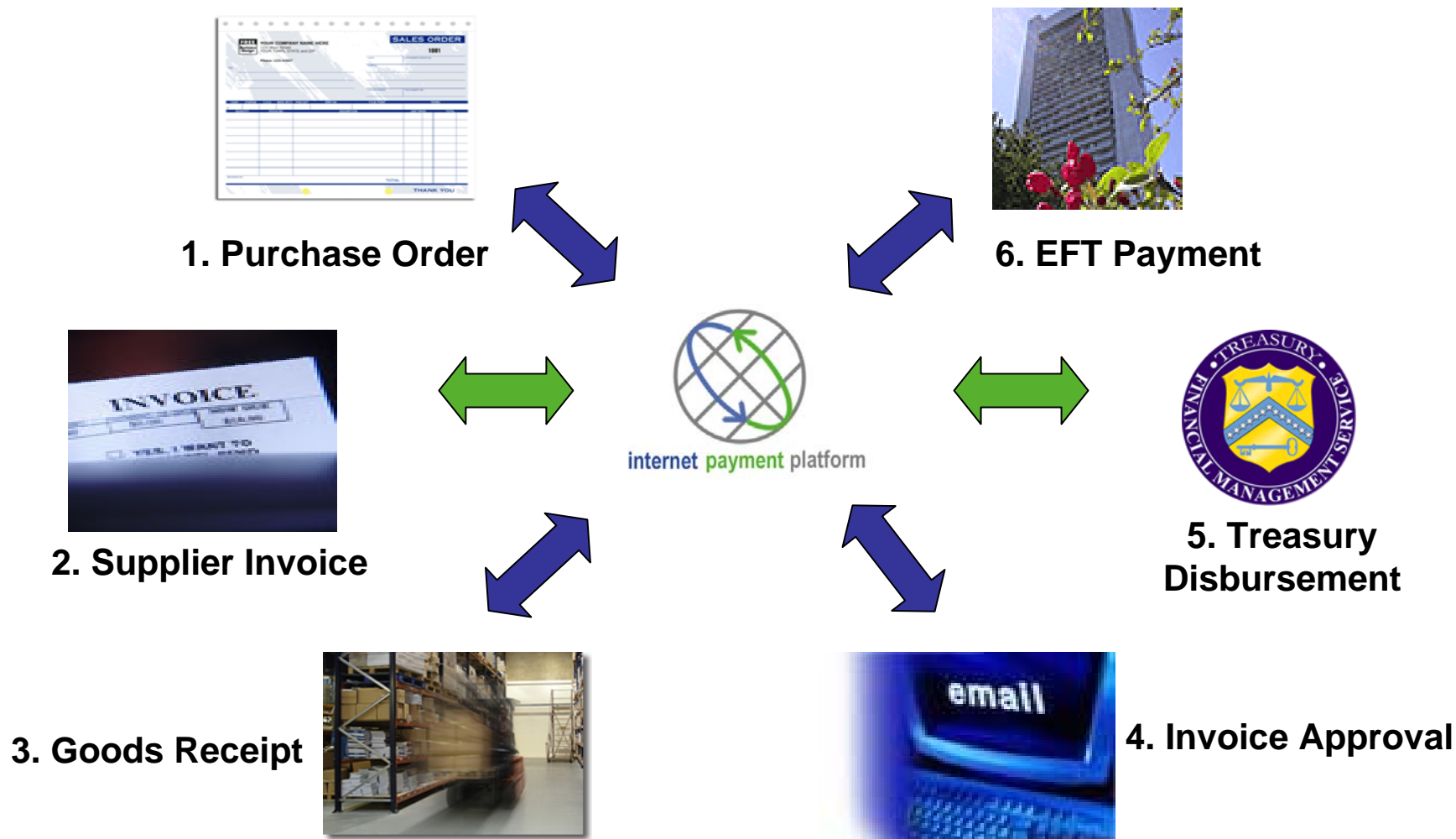
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- NOT a replacement for an Agency ERP System
- NOT a replacement for an Agency Procurement or Accounts Payable (A/P) platform
- NOT the system of record for a business transaction

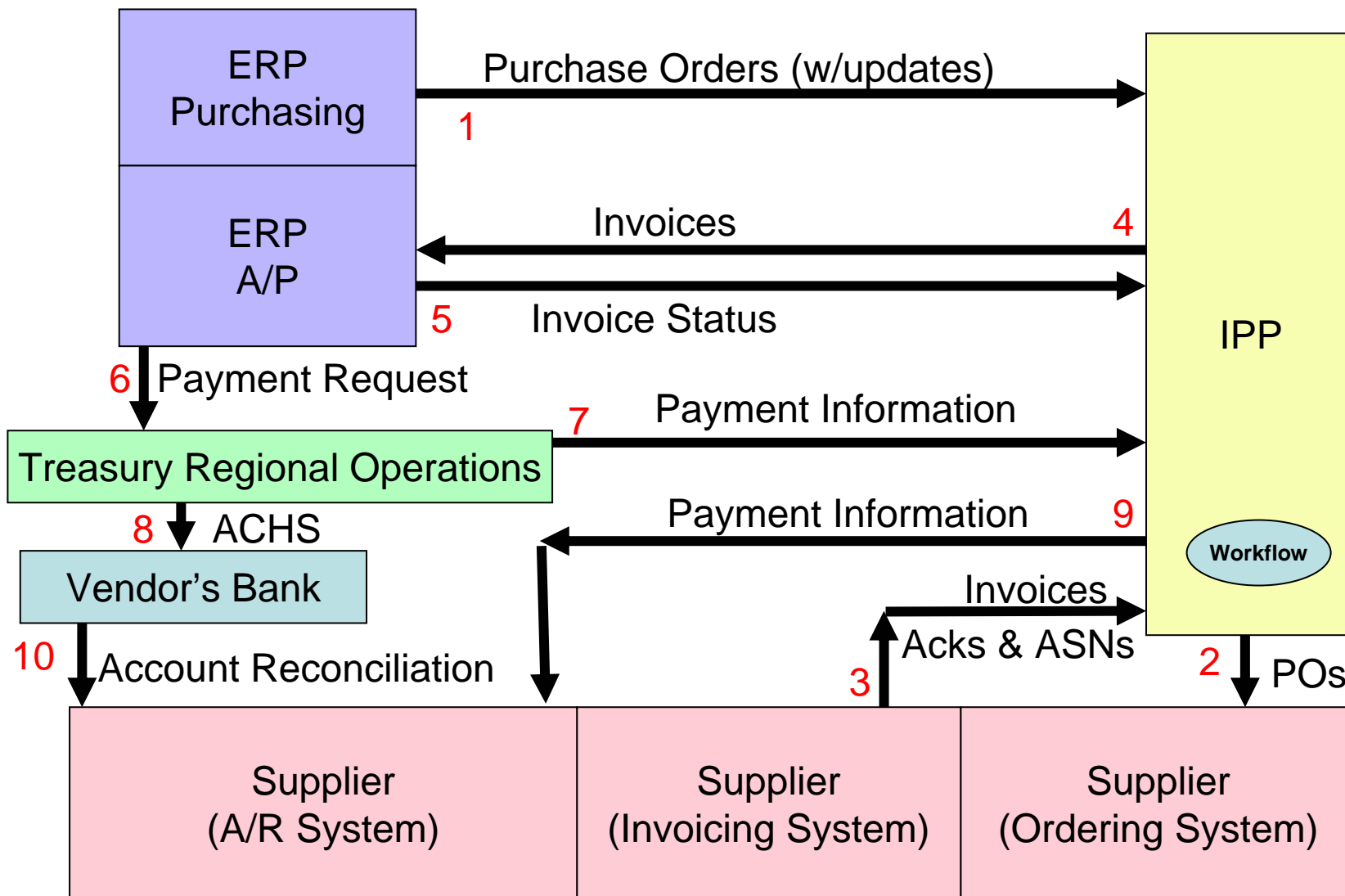


# IPP is Visibility into all Data



- IPP is implemented in a modular fashion
  - Electronic purchase order delivery to suppliers
  - Electronic invoice submission from suppliers
  - Invoice routing for on-line approval (Workflow)
  - Discount management
  - Payment and adjustment reporting
  - Email notification options

# IPP Information Flow Overview



# How Does the IPP Benefit Agencies?



The IPP is an opportunity for agencies to streamline processes and eliminate time consuming inefficiencies



# IPP Considerations (Cont'd)



- Endorsed as part of the FMLOB's Standard Payment Process
- Interfaces with all major financial systems (Oracle, SAP, Momentum, etc.)
  - File-based system interaction
- Downstream from Procurement process
  - IPP accepts and delivers only approved Purchase Orders
  - Does not interact with CCR to avoid supplier confusion

# IPP Considerations (Cont'd)



- Process of making payment request from Treasury stays the same as today
  - Certification in SPS
  - Focus on “Type B” payments in first release
- IPP is in production as of November 19, 2007
  - Working with agencies now for initial implementation
  - Agency implementation takes 4 – 6 months

- FMS owns and manages the IPP service
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) develops, operates and maintains the IPP
- FMS and FRBB will support agency implementation and supplier outreach activities at no charge

- Customer Service and Support Available through FRBB
- System is up 24/7; help available M-F 8:00 am to 6:00 p.m., EST
- Technical Operations provided by the TWAI



# Implementation Costs

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The price is right!

- IPP provided by Treasury with no licensing cost and no transaction fees
- Agency costs are limited to implementation and internal operations costs

# Next Steps



To start IPP implementation process:

- Schedule an Information Session
- Sign an Agency Participation Agreement
- Name an Executive Sponsor and a Project Manager
- Initiate project!

For more information go to [www.ipp.gov](http://www.ipp.gov)

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